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FOUND DEAD.

The dead body of Mrs. M. Louise Karnopp was discovered at her home in the west side of town yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Carl Voy, who called and receiving no response to her knock at the door, looked in at the window and saw the body lying upon the floor.

Dr. Evans and Justice Heath were summoned and after making careful examination of the surroundings, deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest as conditions clearly showed that death resulted through natural causes. From appearances deceased had evidently just arose from her bed when she fell forward on her face and died. Blood on the floor and her arm which had flowed from the nose indicated the bursting of a blood vessel. She is thought to have been dead from 36 to 40 hours previous to the finding of the body and mortification had set in. A check of something over a hundred dollars was found on her person besides over twenty dollars in money.

Mrs. Karnopp was last seen alive Monday night, when she called at the home of several of the neighbors. She complained of a headache on that evening but nothing serious was anticipated. Being of a reticent disposition she lived in retirement and was alone when death overtook her.

Deceased had been a resident of Groton about three years, moving in from the farm south of town where her sons are engaged in farming. She was 77 years of age and came to South Dakota from Wisconsin in 1885. Her two sons, John and Gustav, reside southeast of here ten miles, and she also has one daughter living in Britton and another a resident of Michigan.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon and the remains will be laid to rest in Union cemetery.